

**RULES 63 AND 67 (37 C.F.R. 1.63 and 1.67)
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I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **BASE FOR FOOD CONTAINERS**, the specification of which: **(mark only one)**

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PRIOR FOREIGN PATENTS

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NONE					

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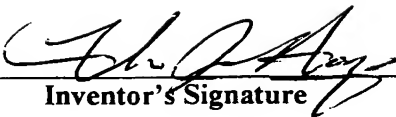
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